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SUBJ: GOL REQ FOR FLOATING POWER BARGE

1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFO ON
US NAVY FLOATING POWER BARGES (YFP), SPECIFICALLY, WITH
RESPECT TO LOCATION, KILOWATTS GENERATED AND POSSIBLE
AVAILABILITY TO LEBANON ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. (LEBANESE
CURRENT IS 110 VOLTS, 50 CYCLES).

2. ABOVE INFO REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMAL
REQ FROM GOL FOR POSSIBLE LOAN OF SUCH BARGES. SIMILAR
REQ APPARENTLY ALSO MADE TO SOVIETS WHOSE INITIAL
REACTION ALLEGEDLY FAVORABLE. IN AIDE MEMOIRE, GOL REFERRED TO
USN POWER BARGES AT GUAM AND OKINAWA, BOTH CAPABLE OF
GENERATING 30 THOUSAND KILOWATTS.

3. IN MAKING THIS INQUIRY, EMB WISHES TO STRESS THAT IT DOES
NOT RPT NOT AT THIS JUNCTURE RECOMMEND ACCEDING TO GOL REQ.
THE TIGHT ELECTRICITY SITUATION LOCALLY CAN BE MET THROUGH
COMMERCIAL CHANNELS AND INDEED TENDERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN LET AND
RECEIVED FOR ADDITIONAL GENERATORS, WITH THE RESULT THAT WESTINGHOUSE
AND THE FRENCH CONCERN ALSTHOM ARE NOW RUNNING NECK AND NECK
FOR THE FAVORABLE BID. NEVERTHELESS WE BELIEVE INFO ON US
NAVY YFP'S WOULD BE HELPFUL BOTH IN THE CONTEXT OF A POSSIBLE
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STOP-GAP SOLUTION, PENDING INSTALLATION OF NEW INDUSTRIAL

EQUIPMENT AND IN THE CONTEXT OF BEING BETTER ABLE TO EVALUATE
REPORTED SOVIET OVERTURE (WHICH WE ARE INCLINED TO CONSIDER IN
ALL LIKELIHOOD AS A STRICTLY COMMERCIAL PROPOSITION).
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